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(54) Title: UDP-GLUCOSYLTRANSFERASES

(57) Abstract: This invention pertains to nucleic acid fragments encoding plant glucosyltransferases, heretofore undescribed, that exhibit catalytic activity with *p*-hydroxybenzoic acid (pHBA) as a substrate and only attach glucose to the aromatic carboxyl group of pHBA, to form the pHBA glucose ester. These enzymes have potential applications both *in vitro* and *in vivo*, and their primary amino acid sequences can be used to identify other proteins that have similar kinetic properties.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A, P	KOBAYASHI. S. et al. Myb-related genes of the Kyoho grape (<i>V. labruscana</i>) regulate anthocyanin biosynthesis. <i>Planta</i> , October 2002, Vol. 215, pages 924-933.	1, 3, 4, 5,
A	ENDO. T. et al. Modification of limonoid metabolism in suspension cell culture of citrus. <i>Plant Biotechnology</i> (Tokyo, Japan), 2002, Vol. 19, No.5, pages 397-403.	1, 3, 4, 5
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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claim Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claim Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claim Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1, 3, 4, 5, SEQ ID NO:17 and 18

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claims 1, 3, 4, 5, drawn to polynucleotide encoding a Grape UDP-glycosyltransferase having an amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:18.

Group II, claims 1,3,4,5, 6 drawn to polynucleotide encoding a Eucalyptus UDP-glycosyltransferase having an amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:22.

Group III, claims 2, 4 drawn to a polynucleotide sequence encoding a Citrus mitis glycosyltransferase having an amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:31.

Group IV, claims 7-10, drawn to a chimeric gene operably linked to suitable regulatory sequences and a host cell transformed with the chimeric gene.

Group V, claim 11, drawn to a method of increasing UDP-glucosyltransferase enzyme activity in a microorganism or green plant cell.

Group VI, claims 12-14, drawn to a method of increasing the ratio of the pHBA ester glucoside to total pHBA glucose conjugates in pHBA producing microorganisms and green plants.

Group VII, claim 15, drawn to a method of in vitro production of pHBA ester glucoside.

The inventions listed as Groups I-VII do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.475 (d), the ISA/US considers that where multiple products and processes are claimed, the main invention shall consist of the first invention of the category first mentioned in the claims and the first recited invention of each of the other categories related thereto. Accordingly,

the main invention (Group I) comprises the first-recited product, a polynucleotide encoding Grape glycosyltransferase and said polypeptide with SEQ ID NO:18. Further pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.475 (d), the ISA/US considers that any feature which the subsequently recited products and methods share with the main invention does not constitute a special technical feature within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2 and that each of such products and methods accordingly defines a separate invention.

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